

MONEY ORDER CLERK GONE.

SHORTAGE OF \$846 FOUND IN S. C. VAN TASSEL'S ACCOUNTS.

Amount May Prove to Be Larger—One of the Most Trusted Post Office Employees Worked in Madison Square Sub-Station—Went Away on Monday—Lives in Yonkers.

Sherburne C. Van Tassel, 53 years old, for fifteen years a clerk in the Money Order Department of the New York Post Office or one of its sub-stations, has disappeared and his accoumts, so far as the investigation had gone up to last night, are short \$846. The Post Office trustees have no clue thus far to Van Tassel's whereabouts. Van Tassel is under bonds furnished by the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland for \$1,000. Unless the shortage is found ultimately to be more than \$1,000, the Government will, of course, lose nothing.

For some time Van Tassel had been a clerk in the Money Order Department of the substation at Madison Avenue and Twenty-third Street. He handled anywhere from \$800 to \$2,000 a day. He was at his desk as usual on Monday. His home is in Yonkers, where he owns a house, and where his wife and a grown son and daughter live. On Monday afternoon he went to his wife, who said he would not be home again, as he was going to leave to the port of naval men in Brooklyn. He did not report for duty on Tuesday morning, and sent no excuse to the superintendent of the sub-station. Superintendent Clark soon learned it for granted that his clerk was ill.

It is the custom to examine the accounts of all money order clerks at regular intervals. These examinations are not made on regular appointed days. It happened that an examiner visited the Madison Square sub-station on Tuesday evening, and found a shortage of about \$100. This was at once reported to Superintendent Clark, who notified Postmaster Van Cleave, who directed him to make an examination, directing the experts to go back in Van Tassel's accounts for the length of time he had been at that sub-station. Since then the accountants have examined Van Tassel's accounts and showed a shortage of about \$40. This was made up of various items.

Post Office inspectors went to Yonkers to arrest Van Tassel, and found that he had not been home since Monday morning. The members of his family were asked if they knew of his whereabouts, but they insist that if he had left with foul play he will return and be able to clear himself of the allegation that he is a defrauder. The Yonkers police of the expected citizens of Yonkers. His wife and daughter are prominent socially. All of the money order clerks of Van Tassel's grade were paid off, and the amount of \$2,000, which he was in service so long, however, and was so thoroughly trusted, that a bond from him was looked upon as only a matter of form. Postmaster Van Cleave paid him off, and when he offered the \$1,000 bond it was accepted.

Van Tassel is said to have been one of the first three men to enter the postal service under civil service rules.

OFFERED CHARITY TO A THIEF.

Sexton Richman Discovered Later That His Sonogram Had Been Robbed.

When Nathan Richman, sexton of the Tefereith Israel synagogue in Fifth street, Jersey City, went to the synagogue about 7 A. M. yesterday to prepare it for some services which were to be held, he met a young man coming out of the basement. The young man explained that, having no home and no money to procure lodgings, he had gone into the basement to sleep. The sexton, seeing that he was shivering, apparently from cold, invited him back to warm himself at the fire, but the young man declined the invitation. He said he had a nickel with which he could get some whiskey, and that would warm him up. The young man hurried away and the sexton went into the synagogue. He was amazed to find the young man, containing a silk prayer robe and the silver used in the services had been broken open and everything of value carried away. The sexton notified the police, and a general alarm was set out with descriptions of the young man. Shortly after 8 o'clock Policeman Wolf met a young man answering in every particular to the description given, with a switch in one hand and a big bundle in the other, and stopped him. The policeman made him open the bundle, and first found a quantity of gold and silver, a racing robe. At the police station the prisoner said he was Louis Neckler, 27 years old, and that he had no home. Everything stolen from him was later found in his possession.

Thirty-three pawn tickets for articles in religious services, which had been pawned in the city, and 200 dollars were found in his possession. Chief Police Commissioner telephoned to Police Headquarters here and learned that Neckler was wanted in this city for robbery, and that he had fled, and that Police Justice Newell committed no prisoner, default of \$1,000 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

PRESIDENT GROUT REPORTS.

Duties and Powers of Borough Presidents Should Be Increased, He Says.

President Edward M. Grout of the borough of Brooklyn has submitted to Mayor Van Wyck a report on the work of his office during the past year, although the charter does not require him to do so. From this it appears that the local boards held 37 meetings, and considered 483 petitions and other matters of interest to the borough. He describes his office as "largely a clearing house for the complaints of citizens," and specifies the 100 complaints received by him. In closing his report Mr. Grout

can be no question that the local boards of improvement are a most useful feature of the charter, and necessary to the preservation of the self-government of local communities. Such boards are the best and most serviceable means to determine the merits of proposed street openings, paving, flagging, &c. The board, which frequently handles generally the powers and responsibilities of the office are altogether incomparably with the department of public works, and are to all the waters of a borough, and the only office under the charter so filled. Whether or not the office, nevertheless, is useful and necessary, will depend entirely upon the results after reviewing its first year's record. That its duties may profitably be increased and its powers enlarged is certain, without doubt. And that this can be done if the desire be to increase local self-government and to avoid a dangerous and unwholesome centralization is equally clear. But that the office should remain such as it now is seems to me wholly undesirable."

PASTOR WINNER ARRESTED.

Mrs. Bertha Thomas Accuses Him of Getting Money Under False Pretenses.

Daniel W. Wisher, 46 years old, the negro pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, at Fifty-second street and Seventh avenue, this city, was arraigned in the Second Criminal Court in Jersey City yesterday morning charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. The complainant was Mrs. Bertha G. Thomas, a young colored widow, who appeared in court, stylishly dressed in silk and furs, and the tail of diamonds and pearls. The facts of the case were not fully developed, as the examination was postponed until Saturday. Mr. Wisher lives at 121 Morris Avenue, Jersey City. Mrs. Thomas is a member of Mr. Wisher's church. Her husband died about seven months ago, leaving her in poverty. Mr. Wisher obtained \$130 from her under false pretenses about two months ago, but admitted he had since returned the money. Neither Mrs. Thomas nor Mr. Wisher will talk of the case until the examination is held on Saturday. Mr. Wisher intimated that the arrest was imminent, which is in progress, as his church, Mrs. Thomas is allied with the opposition faction.

FOR THE LOSS OF AN EYE.

Miss Bardzik Was Injured in an Electric Lamp Factory Where She Worked.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 18.—Miss Mary Bardzik recovered a verdict to-day for \$2,000 for the loss of an eye. She sued for \$10,000. The defendant was the Lamp Company of this city. Miss Bardzik worked for this company, and it was her duty to seal electric lamp bulbs. On the day of the accident at the factory she had a 100-candela light globe, a glass incandescent, and had prepared it to be sealed. The globe was then taken to another room, where two persons in doing this the globe was filled with gasoline vapor. Then the globe was sent back. Ignorant of what had occurred, Miss Bardzik applied it to her eye. An explosion followed, which knocked her senseless and sent pieces of glass into her eyes and face and destroyed the sight of one eye.

A Chicago Scholarship at Yale.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—It is announced that the Chicago Alumni Association will present Yale University with a \$1,000 scholarship. This sum will be presented annually by the Executive Committee of the Chicago alumni to some worthy and indigent student, preferably a resident of the State of Illinois.

What PLANCON says:

"I have frequently used the genuine Johann Hoff's Malt Extract

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BATTLE OVER A HUSBAND.

Mrs. Lemantowitz and Mrs. Diamond Come to Blows in Essex Street.

David Lemantowitz of 100 Moore street, Brooklyn, was safe behind the rail yesterday in the Essex Market Court when two women, who claim him as husband, had a rough-and-tumble fight on the sidewalk in front of the Court House. About six months ago Lemantowitz's wife, Amelia, secured a warrant in the Essex Market Court for his arrest on a charge of abandonment. She asserted that he had deserted her and their four children six years ago. After a long search she located him in Brooklyn, where he was living with another woman under the name of David Diamond. The other woman passed as his wife, she declared, and there were several little Diamonds. The warrant was given to Court Officer Schwartz. Every time he went to the house in Brooklyn the little Diamonds were around and he was unable to get in. Mrs. Lemantowitz also made many visits to the house and on each occasion was ejected by Mrs. Diamond in a manner that always drew a crowd. Early yesterday morning, when a number of the money order clerks of Van Tassel's grade were gathered at 116 Essex street, rushed into the Essex Market Court and shouted: "He is here." Officer Schwartz had found him running in his coat pocket."

When she grew quiet she told Schwartz that her husband and Mrs. Diamond, who had been to the house next door, were visiting the place and captured Lemantowitz. When he was brought into court Mrs. Lemantowitz said: "Ha-ha, Mister Lemantowitz, now you will go to jail! You will run away from your wife and children, hey? Not?"

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